

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-21, 23-37, 39-53, 56-64, and 66-102 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 34, 47, 59, 69, and 87 being independent. Of those pending claims, claims 19-21, 23-27, 41, 42, 57, 68, 76-80, 83-86, 90-92, and 94-96 have been withdrawn from consideration as being allegedly drawn to non-elected species. By this Amendment, Applicant proposes amending claims 1, 34, 47, 59, 90, and 97-102.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for granting a telephone interview of December 4, 2007. During the interview, Applicant discussed with the Examiner the proposed amendments and the outstanding claim rejections. Although no agreement was reached with respect to the claim rejections, the Examiner agreed that he would enter the proposed amendments for purposes of an appeal.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, should he continue to dispute the patentability of the pending claims. The entry of the amendment would place this application in better form for appeal.

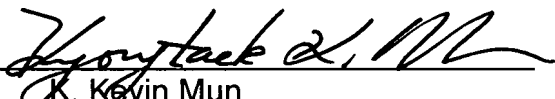
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned (571-203-2739) if a telephone conversation might advance prosecution of the application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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